

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554**

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-KLJ**

December 9, 2010

Edward A. Baker
Positive Alternative Radio, Inc.
P.O. Box 889
Blacksburg, VA 24063

In re: W243BS, Fredericksburg, VA
Facility ID No. 142774
Silent Since October 21, 2010

Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter concerns the request, filed on October 28, 2010, on behalf of Positive Alternative Radio, Inc. ("Positive"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit FM Translator Station W243BS to remain silent.

Positive's request states that W243BS went silent on October 21, 2010, to await action on modification application to change transmitter site. Positive's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

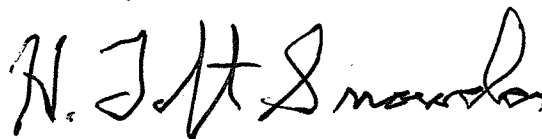
Positive's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station W243BS to remain silent not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for W243BS will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 22, 2011.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

¹ In the event extension of Special Temporary Authority is sought, please renew the certification in this manner.

² Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:
Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Finally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed. *See* 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being prominent and the last name "Snowdon" written in a more connected script.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Cary S. Tepper, Esq.